

Elizabeth Moore's life is the very embodiment of all that makes this country great, and I am deeply honored to be able to bring her life to the attention of this body of Congress.

# INTRODUCTION OF DUTY REDUCTION AND SUSPENSION LEGISLATION

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2002*

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce several duty reduction and suspension bills for colorants used in ink-jet printers, in addition to materials used in the production of environmentally sensitive herbicides and insecticides that improve the quality of our lives.

These duty suspension bills lower the cost of producing these products thereby lowering the cost to consumers and helping U.S. industries compete in the global marketplace. When American companies make the active ingredients for these colorants and chemicals, there is a proper role for duties to exist. However, when the active ingredients are only made by foreign companies, we needlessly increase product costs for American consumers by imposing duties on their importation. By introducing these bills, I am triggering a careful review of these proposals by the House Ways and Means Committee and the International Trade Commission to make sure there are no domestic producers of these active ingredients so no U.S. jobs will be negatively affected. In fact, these duty suspensions will make U.S. products more competitive, thus creating jobs in the U.S.

Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to highlight the beneficial uses of the final products these chemicals will produce. NMSDA is used to produce a herbicide for broadleaf weed control in corn. This environmentally sound herbicide is within the margins of safety to mammalian, avian, and aquatic organisms. R118118 Salt is used to produce a postemergence soybean herbicide. Postemergence herbicides have the advantage of low application rates. The herbicide is only needed if weeds emerge around the sugar beets. Many other herbicides must be applied ahead of time to prevent weeds from developing regardless of whether they would have emerged naturally, needlessly introducing toxins into the environment. Thiamethoxam Technical is used in production of a neonicotinoid insecticide that targets "sucking and chewing pests," that are harder to target, without causing harm to the crops. Prodiamine Technical is used in production of an environmentally sound herbicide used in vegetation management control. Finally, Flauzinam 500 F formulated product is used to control plant diseases on peanuts and potatoes. It has an environmentally sound profile that is particularly well suited for resistance management programs.

The ink-jet printer colorants are beneficial to the American consumer. These colorants are specially formulated for enhanced quality, specially designed characteristics include improved wet-fastness on plain paper, improved opearability, higher chroma than the current industry standard and high humid-fastness to reduce bleed and hue change. These

colorants are widely used in the small and home office settings, as well as in photorealistic printing. It is essential we give the America consumers both choice and quality.

Duty suspension bills often pass with universal bipartisan support because they are common sense for consumers, for the environment, and for enhancing the competitiveness of our domestic industries. I urge support for these proposals after the appropriate committees and agencies have thoroughly vetted these measures.

## HONORING THE ROCKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

**HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2002*

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the 20th anniversary of the Rockville Senior Center. For two decades, the Rockville Senior Center has created opportunities for mature adults in Rockville, MD, to live healthy, happy, active lives.

Serving more than 1,700 members, the Rockville Senior Center offers opportunities for seniors to achieve independence and self-sufficiency through a network of education, information programs, and active participation. A wide variety of classes and recreational activities enrich and support the lives of the membership. In addition, a number of important social services are provided, such as health clinics and health insurance counseling.

The vibrant community of the Rockville Senior Center is the focal point for many programs, activities, and services. The organization continues to offer a full complement of services to meet the needs of senior adults. In many ways, the Rockville Senior Center is a second home and a second family to many of these seniors.

I am particularly proud to recognize the 32 members who first joined the nurturing community that is the Rockville Senior Center at the very beginning, 20 years ago. They have seen many changes, but one thing has not changed in all these years—the commitment and the level of service provided to the membership.

So, Mr. Speaker, I join with the entire community in offering my best wishes and congratulations to the Rockville Senior Center on this considerable milestone.

## COMMEMORATING SAM L. ERVIN, HEALTHCARE PIONEER

**HON. STEPHEN HORN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2002*

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long and distinguished career of Sam L. Ervin, a pioneer in the development of innovative and cost effective programs that enhance the quality of life for older and disabled adults.

Mr. Ervin was the founding executive office of the original Senior Care Action Network (SCAN), a social health maintenance organi-

zation in Long Beach, CA. SCAN was selected by the then Health Care Financing Administration in 1982 to be one of four demonstration sites for the Social HMO program. The Social HMO expands comprehensive HMO benefits to include community-based long-term care and some nursing home care.

Today, he is the chairman and chief executive officer of SCAN, serving more than 50,000 members in four southern California counties. Since its inception, SCAN has made a unique and significant contribution to seniors' ability to remain healthy, independent and in control of where they live and how they live.

I have introduced H.R. 2953, the Coordinated Community Care Act of 2001 to make Social HMOs a permanent part of the Medicare + Choice program. I am proud to do so and to recognize Sam Ervin for his contributions to the improved quality of life for thousands of seniors.

## PAYING TRIBUTE TO MAE SCHULER

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor a woman whose passion for life and whose incredible human spirit is an inspiration to us all. Mae Schuler, a Grand Junction, Colorado resident, recently passed an impressive milestone, celebrating her one-hundredth birthday with a gathering of her friends and family. I am truly honored to be able to bring the life of such a strong and extraordinary woman to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation.

Mae was born the youngest of eight children on March 7, 1902 on a farm in Ontario, Canada. At the age of nineteen, she moved to Detroit, where her sister lived, and met her husband Clarence. While living in Detroit, Clarence went to work selling cars, while Mae raised their baby girl, Jeanne. They survived the Depression by scraping by on the wages that Clarence was able to earn at the local gas station, since people were unable to afford to buy new cars. After Clarence retired in 1968, the couple moved to Palm Beach, Florida, where Mae remained active in the church, participated in a number of crafts groups and grew to love shuffleboard. Seven years and one day after moving to Florida, Clarence passed away peacefully in his sleep. Mae made the best she could of it, choosing to go on with her life and live it with the same vigor and energy that she had always lived it.

After living in Florida for another 30 years, Mae moved to Grand Junction in 1998 in order to be closer to her daughter, Jeanne. At 100 years of age, Mae is still going strong. As chronicled in her local newspaper, the Grand Junction Sentinel, she is exceptionally active, both mentally and physically, and still enjoys life to the fullest. She takes time to read to those who can't see as well, knits caps and washcloths for friends, bakes cookies for those who are sick, types personal notes on her old Smith-Corona typewriter, and most importantly, loves to play bingo. She is truly a remarkable woman, who has lived quite a remarkable life.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I bring to the attention of this body of Congress,